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In re Application of:)
Kiyoshi Sato)
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For: Magnetic Head Including a Gap-depth)
Defining Layer on Protruding Layer and)
Method for Manufacturing the Same)

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-319311 discloses an upper core layer which is relatively flat, and a gap-depth defining layer is formed.

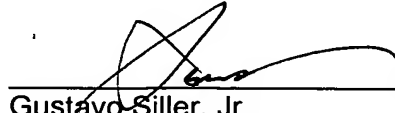
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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